



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Authorize City Manager to Participate in Discussions on the Formation of the Central Valley Resources Agency

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to participate in discussions on the formation of the Central Valley Resources Agency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City has been contacted by PAC/West Communications Group, represented by Richard Pombo, regarding possible City participation in a new public/private agency. The initial purpose of the agency is to become involved in flood protection issues. However, as an unincorporated nonprofit association [IRS 501(c)(4)], the agency could become involved in other issues.

The purpose of the Association is to support the education of the communities of the Central Valley of California on the need for and the improvement of flood protection efforts, to secure local, state and federal funding for these purposes, and to coordinate common flood protection goals in San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton and the Central Valley in general. In addition, the Association shall act as an advocate for flood protection on behalf of the County of San Joaquin, the City of Stockton and the Central Valley. The purposes of the Association may be expanded to include work with other resources that have or may have an impact on the County of San Joaquin, the City of Stockton or the Central Valley; provided, however, any expansion of the Association's purpose must be approved by the Board of Directors.

The formation of the Agency was initiated by the City of Stockton through a contract with PAC/West and is still in the preliminary stages. San Joaquin County is in the process of considering their participation. The recommended action is simply to indicate the City Council's willingness to invest staff time in the discussion. Actual membership agreement(s) would be brought back to the City Council at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACT: No membership dues or costs have been identified at this time. However, staff has reservations with regard to the possible financial commitments. The preliminary documents indicate that allocation of member votes would be proportionate to total dues paid by the member.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.


Blair King
City Manager

BK/RCP/pmf

cc: Torn Flinn, San Joaquin County Public Works Director
Richard Pombo, PAC/West Communications

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

Assembly California Legislature

July 30, 2007

Dear

We are writing you in support of the efforts being made by the City of Stockton to create a much-needed organization called the Central Valley Resources Agency. This agency was formed to ensure that the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and the Central Valley secure appropriate flood control funds from local, state and federal sources, and to create a coordinated effort to address our region's flood protection goals.

The catastrophic events that have been taking place throughout the nation have forced flood-prone cities across the country to take a closer look at their flood protection systems. We congratulate the City of Stockton for taking the lead to create the CVRA and we are encouraged that the issues we have been advocating for in Sacramento are now being addressed with a one-voice organization.

This agency will function as a public/private non-profit organization 501(c)(4) that will support the region's flood protection improvements and advocate flood protection interests for San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton and the Central Valley.

Our region would be severely impacted in the event of a disaster. Communities, agricultural land, key transportation and utility corridors, as well as California's fresh water supply all would be affected. If major levee failures were to occur, the consequences would be disastrous to human life, the environment and the economic health of the region.

The CVRA is taking a stand to meet these challenges and provide results that will benefit us all. Without support from members of the public and private business communities, meaningful reform will continue to be obstructed. By joining in support, we provide a better future for our community and help keep our neighborhood levees safe.

Sincerely,



GREG AGHAZARIAN
Assemblymember, 26th District



CATHLEEN GALGIANI
Assemblymember, 17th District

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SUBJECT: Authorize City Manager to Participate in Formation of Central Valley
Resources Agency

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, August 15, 2007. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Randi Johl, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call me at (209) 333-6759.

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for : Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

RCP/pmf

Enclosure

cc: City Clerk

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August 22, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

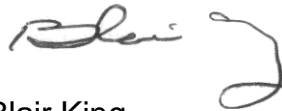
RE: CENTRAL VALLEY RESOURCES AGENCY

The City of Lodi was contacted by PAC/West Communications Group regarding participation in a new public/private agency for the purpose of supporting funding for flood protection efforts and coordination of common flood protection goals in San Joaquin County, the City of Lodi, and the Central Valley in general.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Lodi City Council, at its meeting of August 15, 2007, authorized the City Manager to participate in discussions on the formation of the Central Valley Resources Agency.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Richard Prima, Public Works Director, at (209) 333-6706.

Sincerely,



Blair King
City Manager

BK/JMP

cc: Public **Works** Director